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Re: 2006 Annual Report on Domestic Violence Prosecutions in Maine

Dear Senators and Representatives:

In accordance with 5 M.R.S.A. § 204-A, I am pleased to submit the 2006 Annual Report compiling information and data from the domestic violence prosecutors throughout the State of Maine. As required by statute, the information assembled in this report has been produced in cooperation with the eight district attorneys.

This year, I am pleased to report that we have been able to obtain prosecution data from the district attorneys using a more uniform format from each prosecutorial district.

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The table on page 5 of this report demonstrates that, on a statewide basis, 5,131 domestic violence cases were approved for prosecution. An additional 874 cases were declined for a variety of reasons, for a total of 6,005 domestic cases presented for prosecutorial review in calendar year 2006. As this information demonstrates, domestic violence cases continue to represent a significant portion of the caseload for prosecutors and law enforcement officers throughout the State of Maine.

These numbers, of course, do not tell the entire story. They only reflect those matters that were reported and presented to prosecuting authorities for review. I encourage you to examine the narrative statements written by the district attorneys for a more in-depth analysis and explanation of the obstacles and challenges to the successful prosecution of domestic violence cases.

In 2006, there were 23 homicides, an increase of four over 2005. Nine of those homicides (or 31%) involved domestic violence. Additional information about the resolution of the homicide cases prosecuted by the Criminal Division of this Office appears later in this report.

We hope this information is helpful to you. Please feel free to contact me or any of the district attorneys if you have any questions regarding this report.

Sincerely,



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